

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Friday, December 21, 2012 - As of 8:30am

Good Morning Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders! Here's your Mountain Resort Report for your Final Finally Friday, December 21st. No it's not the End of the World, it's A Winter Storm Warning, which is now posted for 10am today, thru 4am on Monday. Scattered Snow Showers then Snow – Heavy at times by late morning. 5-10" expected above 7000 ft. with Temperatures in to the upper 20's on the Slopes and increasing Winds with Gusts to 35mph and Ridge Top Gusts up to 100 mph. So Lifts will operate Wind & Weather Permitting. Call Ahead! Dress warm, in layers with your Good Jacket... Wear a Hat, Beanie or Wear a Helmet for Safety; also, wear Good Goggles today. Surface conditions are primarily Machine Groomed & Skier/Rider Packed Powder. Ski & Ride with Care! Early Season Conditions Exist! Keep an Eye for Marked and Unmarked Obstacles & Stay on Opened Runs Only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe CA/NV – Checks in with a base of 30-53". 22 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP – Call Ahead... with Mtn Access from the Gondola, California Base & Stagecoach & Boulder opening in NV. Upper Mtn Lifts include Canyon & Sky in CA and Dipper, Comet & Galaxy on the NV side. 96 Trails are accessible (40+MG) Round-a-Bout open down CA side; Plus there's 15 Terrain Park Features. Tubing Hill scheduled to open. (SKRPP, MG & MM / 24F / MCldy / Mod-Strong Winds). (Hwy 207:) **1-800-HEAVENLY**. www.skiheavenly.com

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 () – Is reporting a base of 30-73". 7 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4) with Easy Rider & Grandview Express to the top of the Front Side; Plus, Short Stuff serving the Backside & The West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (33MG). 3 Terrain Parks are open with over 20 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 33F / Snow / Lt Winds). Complimentary Shuttles buses running thru So. Shore. **(530) 659-7475**. www.sierraattahoe.com

Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center - on Emerald Bay Road () – will open for cross-country and snow shoeing when conditions permit. **(530) 542-6584**. www.camprichardson.com

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89 /88 () – at Pickett's Junction, is open 10-4pm with a base of 12-36". 10km of Skier Packed trails are accessible. **(530) 694-2266**. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 () – is reporting a base of 50-59". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with 4 Lifts out of the Mtn. Village including Chairs #6 (**Chair #10 to the top + Chairs #2, #3 & #4 are on HOLD** to backside) & 2 Lifts will turn at the Timber Creek Base. 81 Trails are open including all Bowls (48MG). Plus, a Terrain Park open with 7 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 24F / Cldy-Snow / Mod-Strong Winds). **Kirkwood XC & Snowshoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC track. **(877) KIRKWOOD**. www.kirkwood.com

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

Spooner Lake Cross Country – at the Junction of Highway 28/50 () - at Spooner Lake State Park. After 27 years, Max & Patti Jones have decided not to renew their lease with Nevada State Parks. State Parks report they will try to keep the parking lot plowed but will not be packing or maintaining trails or seeking another operator...

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 () - in Incline Village – is open reporting a base of 24-36". 4 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4)-WWP including Crystal Express Quad to the top. 7 Runs are open. (MG PP / 27F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds), **(775) 831-1177**. www.diamondpeak.com

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 () Is reporting a base of 40-79". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, including Lakeview & Galena. (**The NW Magnum 6, Blazing Zephyr & The Chuter Lift on HOLD**). 48 Trails open (27MG); Plus, all Chutes gates Closed. 2 Terrain parks are open with 13 features. (MG & SKRPP / 27F / MClear / Mod-Strong Winds). **(800) SKI ROSE**. www.mtrose.com

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar California** - On Hwy 267 () – Is reporting a base of 18-61". 11 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4)-WWP including the Tahoe Zephyr & the Comstock Express to the top of the front side; Plus, the Backside Express & Martis Camp Express Open. 61 trails are open (43MG) + 3 Terrain Parks open with 56 features. (MG & SKRPP / 28F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). The Village Ice Rink scheduled to open (12-9pm). Cross Country, Telemark & Snowshoe Center open (8:30-3) with 10km of groomed trails – Hosting 40th Year Celebration with Shaun White on Saturday. **(530) 562-1330**. www.northstarcalifornia.com

Tahoe Donner Ski Area - 11603 Snowpeak Way () Truckee – Is scheduled to open Friday, Dec 21. **Tahoe Donner XC** – to open Friday. **(530) 587-9484**. www.skitalhoedonner.com

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 () – at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – is reporting a base of 43-57". 6 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate-WWP starting at 9am, including 49'er & Cedar Ridge with the Castle Peak Quad & Accelerator Express Quad turning till 9pm. 33 runs are open (13MG). Terrain Park open with 18 features. (MG & SKRPP / 26F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). Playland tubing Park open from 10-8pm. **(530) 426-3666 #1**. www.rideboreal.com /// The adjacent **Auburn Ski Club Training Center** is open Wed-Sun (8:30-4:30p) on a base of 16". They have 15 trails open

with 10km of Groomed XC Trails open. www.AuburnSkiClub.org

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd. (R2) – Is open with a base of 39-49". 2 Lifts will operate (10-4) for skiing / riding including Crystal Bowl Chair with 6 runs open; plus Tube Town, the Kids Tub Carousel & Planet Kids are scheduled to operate. (530) 426-3901 www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () in Soda Springs, is open daily (8:30-4) with 24 trails and over 48Km of groomed XC terrain. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road / Old Hwy 40 () –is reopening today on a base of 24-52". 5 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with all 52 trails open & the Tubing Hill. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 () on Donner Pass Rd () – is reporting a base of 32-81". 8 Lifts scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP with Judah Base open offering Mt Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 59 runs are open (46MG). Plus a Terrain Park with 20 Features. (MG & SKRPP / 23F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 () – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, is open on a base of 5-35". 3 Lifts will operate (9-4) with the Madden Chair & Old Homewood Express. 32 runs are open (MG & SKRPP / 29F / Cldy / Lt Winds). (530) 525-2900. www.skihomewood.com

Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill – Hwy 89 () - Tahoe City – The Ski & Snowboard Hill is closed but the Sledding hill is open on weekend. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 () – Will open Friday, conditions permit. (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org. The new **Tahoe City Winter Sports Park** will open Saturday, Dec. 22. They will operate thru Holiday weeks and Fri-Mon thru March 31.

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 () – is reporting a base of 35-62". 8 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP, with Roundhouse & Summit Six; Plus Lakeview & Scott Chair. 85 Runs are open plus 16 Terrain Park features. (MG & SKRPP / 22F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds) The Free Squaw / Alpine Express Shuttle is operating. (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 () is reporting a base of 10-78". 23 Lifts & Tows are scheduled to operate (9-4)-WWP 12 Lifts from the bottom including Red Dog & KT22; Plus, Aerial Tram & Funitel. 11 Lifts are scheduled for the upper mountain, including Siberia, Shirley Lake & Granite Chief. 160 runs are open, plus 15 T-Park Features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Cldy / Mod-Strong Winds). (530) 452-4335. www.squaw.com
And, for XC Skiing or Snow Shoeing & Ice Skating, **The Resort at Squaw Creek** has their Ice Rink open – Weather Permitting. (530) 583-6300 ext 6631. www.visitsquawcreek.com

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 () – is reporting a base of 78-90". 24 Lifts are scheduled to operate (8:30-4) Entire Mtn open – WWP, with 13 Lifts out of the Main Lodge, 8 Lifts out of Canyon Lodge & 3 Lift from Eagle Lodge. 155 Trails are opened (89MG) + 7 Terrain Parks with 41 features. (MG & SKR PP / 25F / MClear / Lt-Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com

June Mountain – June Lakes Loop () Will be closed this winter. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass – on Badger Pass Rd () – Scheduled to open today. XC is open with 12 Trails = 70 miles.

Dodge Ridge - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 () – Is opening today on a base of 8-40". 12 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) 64 Runs are open (33MG). Terrain Park open with 6 Features. (MG PP / 23F / Cldy / Lt Winds) (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

Bear Valley Mountain Resort - Hwy 4 () – opening today on a base of 49". 5 Lifts will operate (9-4) with 39 trails open plus Cub Terrain Park. (MG PP & Powder / 23F / Cldy / Lt-Mod Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. www.bearvalley.com

Bear Valley XC – is open weekends with a 10-16" base. 13Km of groomed trails are accessible for XC & Snow Shoeing. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalleyxc.com

So, there you have it, At this time there are no road restrictions but this will change. Carry Tire Chains and for updates on roads, Call 5-11. For updates on this Reports, as winds will affect upper mountain lifts, please visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. Have a Fun & Safe Day on the Mountain... It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's your Mtn. Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

FOR CURRENT ROAD INFORMATION CALL:

CALIFORNIA: 1-800-427-7623 • NEVADA: 1-877-NV-ROADS or 511

R1=CHAINS OR SNOWTIRES REQUIRED

R2=CHAINS MANDATORY EXCEPT 4WD WITH SNOWTIRES

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Special Events and Promotions:

Sierra at Tahoe

December 22, 2012 Sierra Resort will offer live music by the horn quintet, Bear Bones, at the base of the mountain and Mayan hot chocolate. Along with our "Mayans Missed It" celebration, holiday festivities will begin and go throughout the weekend. The holiday festivities will include games and activities, like snowman building contests, candy cane limbo, iceberg bean bag toss, and a "Frosty" doughnut eating contest.

Heavenly Mountain Resort

Santa's Workshop Snow Globe – December 19-24, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The holiday merriment will kick off on December 19 with Santa's Workshop Snow Globe, a 16-foot interactive snow globe where children can have their photos taken on Santa's lap as they tell him their wish list. The family-style atmosphere will be complete with an on-site disc jockey playing holiday music.

The Great Basin Carolers will perform from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on December 23 and 24.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort

Saturday, Dec 22, 10am-2pm, KCA hosts photos with Santa & Kirkwood Avalanche Dogs in the Village Plaza – Benefitting Kirkwood Avalanche Dog program.

Northstar California's 40th Anniversary Birthday Bash Hosted By Shaun White

The resort will celebrate its 40th birthday on December 22 with a party hosted by Northstar team athlete Shaun White that is not to be missed.

Tahoe Sports Ltd. Apres Ski - Happy Hour
Thursdays - Saturdays - Starting at 4:00pm.
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Complimentary Wine from Red Poets & Skyhawk Lane Wine Tasting Room.
Rent Equipment the night before at no additional charge. Rent 3 days & 4th day is FREE.

For Information and Lodging on the Lake Tahoe's South Shore please visit:
TahoeSouth.Com

See you on the Slopes...
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